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Independent Assurance:

View IA Records Pending Correlation

Objectives

Review an IA Record That Has Not Been Correlated

Manually Correlate an IA Record

View IA Records Pending Correlation

The **View IA Records Pending Correlation** window is used to review IA-Comparative samples that are waiting to be linked to their corresponding Acceptance or QA samples.

Each time an IA-Comparative sample is authorized, the HiCAMS application attempts to link the IA sample with an Acceptance sample using the following criteria:

- Contract Number, Station Number, Material Type, Material Description, Unit of Measure, Approved Producer/Supplier, Concrete Mix ID, and the Test Format used by the M&T Lab must match. Fields that are not applicable to a particular material are omitted when linking is attempted (i.e., Concrete Mix ID is not applicable to Aggregate Base Course samples).
- The Sampled Date of the Acceptance sample must be on, or within 7 days before the Sampled Date of the IA sample.

The **View IA Records Pending Correlation** window provides a method of tracking IA samples that could not be linked to a matching Acceptance sample and aids in determining a reason for the lack of correlation. The linking process can be manually restarted once the cause has been determined and corrected.

To open the pending correlation queue, do the following:

Step 1: Select Functions® Independent Assurance® View IA Records Pending Correlation

A list of IA Comparative samples that are waiting to be correlated is displayed.

Step 2: Using the information in the *IA Comparative Processing Message* column as a guide, determine the reason for the lack of automatic correlation. To do this, find the appropriate Processing Message section on the pages that follow and continue with **Step 3**.

Processing Messages

No Matching Acceptance Sample Found for Corr. Link.

This message is displayed when no matching acceptance sample can be found at the time an IA-Comparative sample is authorized. This could happen for one of the following reasons:

- The matching Acceptance sample was not entered into HiCAMS at the time the IA-Comparative sample was authorized.
- The matching Acceptance sample was not authorized and available for correlation at the time the IA-Comparative sample was authorized.
- A data entry error exists on either the Acceptance or IA-Comparative sample and an exact match cannot be made.

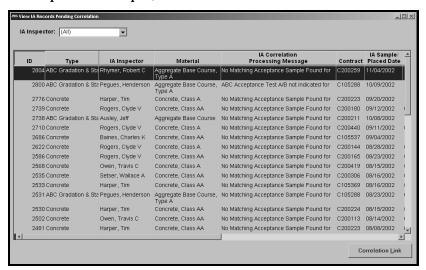
HiCAMS will attempt to find an exact match to the Acceptance sample based solely on **the Correlated Field ID** entered in the IA Comparative Sample. If the Correlated Field ID does NOT match the Field ID, then HiCAMS will again attempt to find a match based on the following criteria:

- Acceptance sample Material matches IA Comparative sample Material.
- Acceptance sample Contract number matches IA Comparative sample contract number.
- Acceptance sample Producer/Supplier matches IA Comparative sample Producer/Supplier.

- Acceptance sample Station numbers match IA Comparative sample station numbers.
- Acceptance sample date is within 1-day (+/-) of the IA Sample date entered.

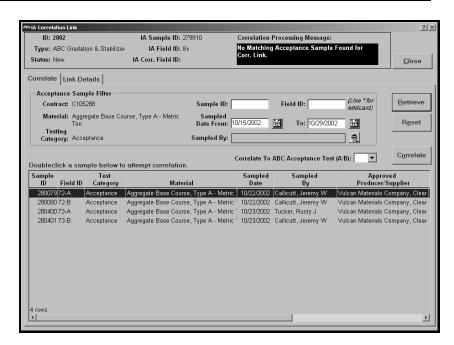
To determine which of the above conditions occurred, do the following:

Step 3: Search for the appropriate sample in the **View IA Records Pending Correlation** window. This list is filtered by IA Inspector, or select "All" to view all IA samples pending correlation (no matching Acceptance sample):



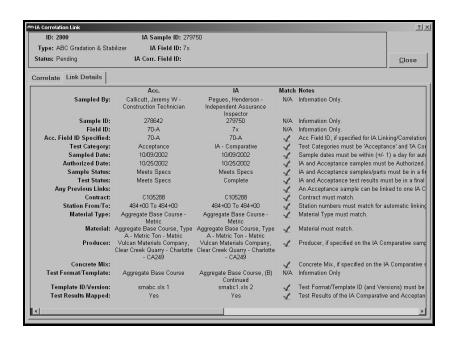
Step 4: Select the IA sample to be matched to an Acceptance sample and click the **Correlation Link** button to view the list of Acceptance samples that may possibly match the IA Comparative sample selected.

The IA Correlation Link window displays:



In example shown above, there are four potential Acceptance samples listed based on the criteria provided on page 4.

- **Step 5:** Select a sample from the list, if ABC material, indicate which column (A or B) on the test results the IA sample should test results should match against.
- Step 6: Click the **Correlate** button. The **IA Correlation Link** window will display:

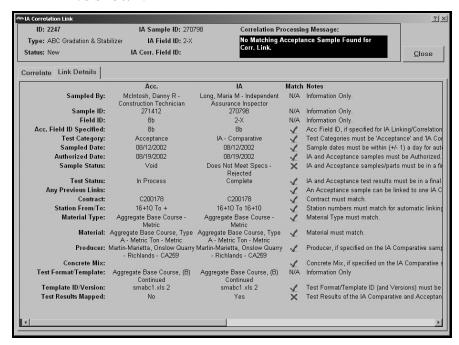


The HiCAMS application will attempt to locate an authorized Acceptance sample that matches the IA-Comparative sample being displayed. If the correlation link was not originally established because the matching Acceptance sample was not yet authorized and available for correlation, but the lab has since authorized the Acceptance sample, a link will be established and the Acceptance test results will be inserted into the correlation record.

If a link is established, the correlation status will change from "New" to "Pending" and the record becomes ready for verification. See the "View IA Records Pending Verification and Completion" section of this chapter for detailed instructions on how to verify and complete an IA correlation record.

The **Link Details** tab will display the IA Comparative and Acceptance sample side by side (as shown on previous page), and a "Match" column that indicates successful matching with a check mark, and unsuccessful matching with an "X". Each comparison is support with notes to assist in evaluating.

If the Acceptance sample selected to correlated contains some items that do not match, it will appear as shown:



Each evening, HiCAMS will review the IA-Comparative samples that could not be linked to an Acceptance sample at the time of authorization, and attempt to find a match. If a link is established overnight, a notification will be sent to the appropriate Inspector or Concrete Technician stating that the IA Correlation is ready for verification.

If the Acceptance sample becomes authorized during the day, and waiting for the nightly linking process to run is undesirable, the manual correlation process outlined in **steps 3-6** can be repeated.

Tip: For quick correlation linking, use the **Correlate** button at the bottom of the **View IA Records Pending Correlation** window.

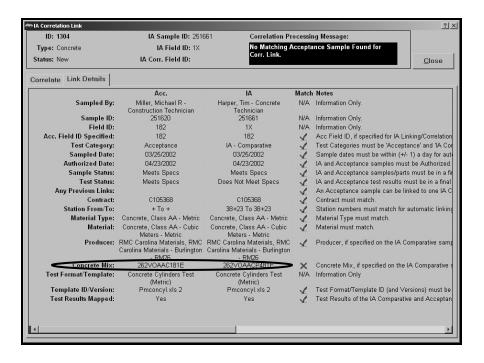
Once a link has been established, the correlation status will change from "New" to "Pending" and the record becomes ready for verification. See the "View IA Records Pending Verification and Completion" section of this chapter for detailed instructions on how to verify and complete an IA correlation record

- Step 7: If the Acceptance section of the Correlation Link window contains sample data as in below, the Acceptance sample has been authorized by the appropriate lab, but a correlation link could not be established. In this case, a data entry error may exist on either the IA or Acceptance sample. To assist in determining which fields do not match and are causing the processing error, review the data in each half of the window and verify the following:
 - Sampled Date of the Acceptance sample is on, or within 7 days before the Sampled Date of the IA sample.

Note: On ABC or Concrete, links are created only to acceptance samples taken within one (1) day.

• All fields in the "Matching Comparison" box of the Acceptance sample contain identical information to the fields in the "Matching Comparison" box on the IA sample.

In this example, the correlation link cannot be established because the Concrete Mix numbers do not match:



- **Step 8:** Contact the lab responsible for authorizing the samples and have the data corrected. Correcting the data will require the lab personnel to Un-Authorize and Re-Authorize the sample.
- Step 9: If the IA-Comparative sample contained incorrect data: The correlation link will be automatically established once the data is corrected and the sample is re-authorized. The correlation record will then be ready for verification. See the "View IA Records Pending Verification and Completion" section of this chapter for detailed instructions on verifying and completing correlation records.
- **Step 10:** If the Acceptance sample contained incorrect data: A correlation link can be manually established once the

Acceptance sample is re-authorized by the lab. After the Acceptance data has been corrected, return to the **View IA Records Pending Correlation** window, highlight the appropriate record, and click the **Correlate** button.

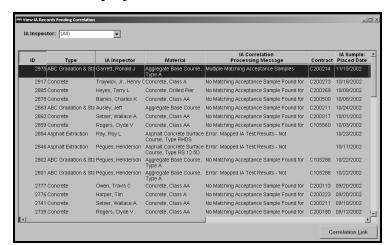
If the correlation link is not manually established once the Acceptance sample is re-authorized, HiCAMS will automatically create the link over night. Each evening, HiCAMS will review the IA-Comparative samples that have not been linked to an Acceptance sample, and attempt to find a match. If a link is established overnight, a notification will be sent to the appropriate Inspector or Concrete Technician notifying that the IA Correlation is ready for verification.

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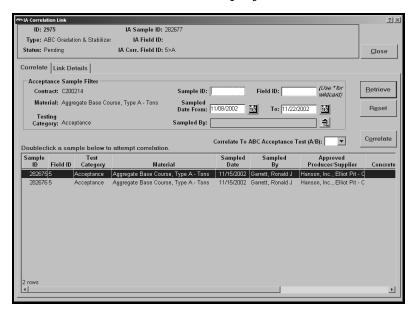
Multiple Matching Acceptance Samples Found for Corr.

The above message is displayed when more than one matching acceptance sample is found at the time an IA-Comparative sample is authorized.

Step 11: To view the multiple matches, select the appropriate line item in the View IA Records Pending Correlation window and click the Correlation Link button to display the list:



Step 12: To view the list of matching Acceptance samples, click the **Correlation Link** button. The **IA Correlation Link** window displays:



- **Step 13:** Using the names and dates in the *Sample Date* and *Sampled By* columns, determine the Acceptance sample that should be linked to the IA sample and make a note of the *Sample ID*.
- **Step 14:** Select the appropriate Acceptance sample, (select A or B if ABC material) and click the **Correlate** button.
- **Step 15:** Click the **Correlate** button. HiCAMS will prompt you to save your changes.
- Step 16: Click Yes.

HiCAMS will link the selected Acceptance sample with the IA-Comparative sample and the Acceptance sample data will be inserted into the appropriate fields on the **Link Details** tab of the **IA Correlation Link** window. The correlation record is now ready for verification. See the "View IA Records Pending Verification and Completion" section of this chapter for detailed instructions on verifying and completing correlation records.

Note: The additional Acceptance samples that appeared on the **Results** tab of the **Correlation Link** window remain available for correlation with other IA-Comparative samples.